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Press Release

Ten AmeriCorps Promise VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members serving across the state with West Virginia's Promise-The Alliance for Youth (WVP) attended statewide training on October 20-21, 2010 hosted at FLOC, Outdoor Education Center in Harpers Ferry WV. WVP is championed by the First Lady of West Virginia Gayle C. Manchin, and managed through the office of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service organization which places volunteers in projects to address community needs, particularly in the areas of reducing poverty.

The training agenda was packed, beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday with first hand outdoor experience with Teambuilding games lead by Rob Stull Outreach Coordinator and Katie Nolan OEC Assistant. Lunch break began at 1 p.m. with more Teambuilding from 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday the inside training began at 9 a.m. with icebreakers. The Promise VISTA members led and developed the training. Memory Cooper Promise VISTA Leader placed at Mission WV spoke on the transition from VISTA to VISTA Leader. Jeremy Exell Promise VISTA placed at the Family Resource Network of the Eastern Panhandle spoke on Ed Award/Taxes/NCCC. Katie Nolan past Promise VISTA member at FLOC now employed with FLOC spoke on her transition from VISTA to full time staff. Last on the agenda was Pam Dugan Statewide Director of West Virginia's Promise-The Alliance for Youth. Pam delivered training on VISTA reports, which was a review for 7 Promise VISTA members but new information for three new Promise VISTA members Anne Klem serving at The Youth Club of Marshall County and Lydia Hastings and Denver Sicay serving at FLOC.

West Virginia's Promise-The Alliance for Youth is a leader in West Virginia at promoting positive youth development and challenging communities to support, nurture and strengthen their youth and improve their communities. West Virginia's Promise is the state level organization of America's Promise which promotes the Five Promises; Caring Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Start, Effective Education and the Opportunities to Help Others.

For more information about FLOC, visit http://www.flocoutdoors.org/home.htm or call 304-725-0409. For more information about West Virginia's Promise-The Alliance for Youth, or if you are interested in becoming a Host Site for a VISTA member, visit www.fivepromises.wv.gov or call Pam Dugan 304-661-1460, email pdugan@frontiernet.net, field office address HC 66 Box 1 F Frankford, WV 24938. State office address State Capitol Complex Building 5, Room 205 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E Charleston, WV 25305



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Pictured left to right:

First Row: Jarrod Yocum, Memory Cooper, Tiffany Jones, Liam Kruse, Katie Nolan, Tammy Kruse, Lisa Cox

Second Row: Anne Klem, Alex Beaulieu, Lydia Hastings, Jeremy Exell, Missy Storey, Denver Sicay.



Pictured left to right:

First Row: Jarrod Yocum, Memory Cooper, Tiffany Jones, Pam Dugan, Liam Kruse, Tammy Kruse, Lisa Cox

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Stay on the Lilly Pads.

Katie Nolan





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Team Building games "get use to being off the ground"



Missy Storey



Memory Cooper



Alex Beaulieu



Katie Nolan



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Suited up for High Ropes and Zip Line! Pictured left to right:
Denver Sicay, Memory Cooper, Alex Beaulieu, Missy Storey, Jeremy Exell, Jarrod Yocum, Anne Klem, Lydia Hastings. Back row: Rob Stull and Katie Nolan



Rob, ready for his first "victim"



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Pam Dugan, ready for the High Ropes!



Tree Hugger!





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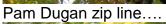
















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Missy Storey, ready for High Ropes....





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Denver Sicay





Jarrod Yocum







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Alex Beaulieu



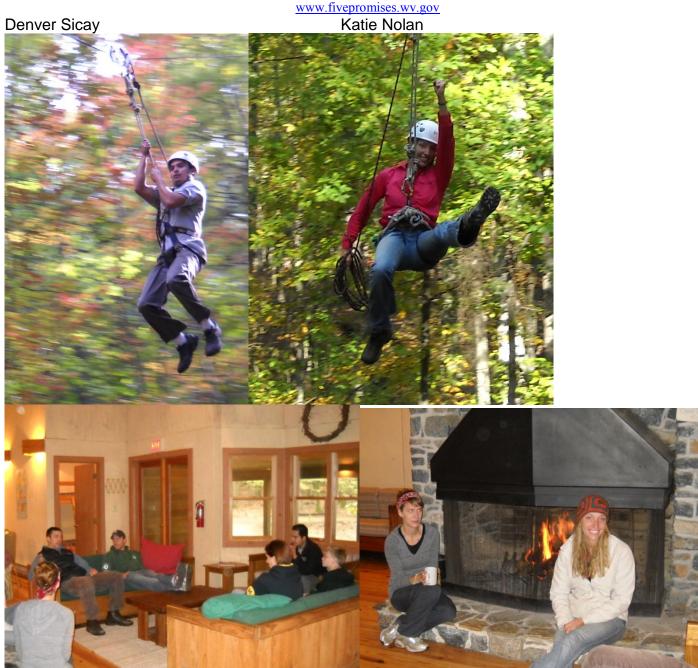


Anne Klem Jared Klem





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The Lodge



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Dinner at La Mezzaluna Café, Charles Town, WV



Liam Kruse



Jarrod Yocum received a certificate High Ropes Extraordinaire

Promise VISTA members received certificates:

Katie Nolan, Alex Beaulieu and Jeremy Exell received Certificate of Excellence In recognition of planning and hosting a West Virginia's Promise VISTA/Site Training on October 20-21, 2010.



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AmeriCorps Promise VISTA members that have completed a year of service received a Certificate of National Service, in recognition of their commitment to our communities and our country and their successful completion of service as a member of AmeriCorps.



Site Supervisors received certificates of Appreciation, in recognition of their service to their County and West Virginia as an AmeriCorps Promise VISTA Host Site.



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